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DIAMOND TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding annual turnover in diamond trade during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of Diamond Design Institute for good quality production of diamond;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Most of the diamonds processed in the country are exported. The State-wise export turnover during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (upto August, 2006) is as follows:-

S.No.	State	Value of export (in thousand Rs.) 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (upto August, 2006)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	64	352	
2.	Bihar		742	
3.	Daman & Diu		843	
4.	Delhi	3102	3911	166
5.	Goa		33573	
6.	Gujarat	93353	1351	563
7.	Haryana		114	
8.	Karnataka	9536	588	1605
9.	Kerala		1577	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	241		
11.	Maharashtra	464688733	513212155	189839927
12.	Meghalaya	137		
13.	Punjab		5201	
14.	Rajasthan	278135	330056	249028
15.	Tamil Nadu	25741	13782	2096
16.	Uttar Pradesh	1136	784	1559
17.	Uttarakhand		3939	
18.	West Bengal	1766	15109	
19.	Unspecified.	963231	481298	10232
20.	Total	466065175	514105261	190105290

Source: DGCI&S

(c) & (d) No, Sir.

(e) At present Indian Diamond Institute, Surat, Indian Institute of Gem & Jewellery, Mumbai, Gemological Institute of India, Mumbai & Indian Gemological Institute, New Delhi are imparting training in diamond processing in the country. Besides, setting up of any such institute doesn't require any specific approval of the Government.